

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The submersible pumping system of claim 1,~~A submersible pumping system for pumping wellbore fluid, comprising:

a motor assembly;

a pump assembly connected to the motor assembly; and

a shroud assembly attached to the pump assembly, the shroud assembly,

comprising:

a shroud having a connection end and an intake end, wherein

the shroud at least partially encloses the motor assembly;

a sealing ring that prevents the wellbore fluid from entering the

shroud at the connection end, wherein the sealing ring

comprises a sealing aperture whereby a cable can extend

through the sealing aperture to the motor assembly; and

a retaining ring that holds the sealing ring in place.

4. (Currently Amended) The submersible pumping system of claim ~~1~~, 3, wherein the sealing ring is formed of an elastomer material.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The shroud assembly of claim 9,~~ A shroud assembly for use with a pump assembly and a motor assembly for use in pumping wellbore fluid, the shroud assembly comprising:

a shroud having a connection end and an intake end, wherein the shroud at least partially encloses the motor assembly;

a sealing ring that prevents the wellbore fluid from entering the shroud at the connection end, wherein the sealing ring comprises a sealing aperture whereby a cable can extend through the sealing aperture to the motor assembly; and

a retaining ring that holds the sealing ring in place.

12. (Currently Amended) The shroud assembly of claim ~~9~~, 11, wherein the sealing ring is formed of an elastomer material.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The downhole pumping system of claim 18, further comprising:~~ A downhole pumping system comprising:

a pump intake;

a shroud having a connection end and an intake end, wherein the connection

end of the shroud is connected to the outer wall of the pump intake;

a pump connector plate connected to the top of the pump intake; and

a sealing ring disposed between the pump intake, the shroud and the pump

connector plate; and

a retaining ring secured to the pump connector plate that captures the sealing

ring in its position between the pump intake, the shroud and the pump

connector plate.